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INTRODUCTION

The following is a progress report covering those

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will be happy to furnish any interested
office or officer of the Agency with whatever information they may
wish to have about the context of these programs.

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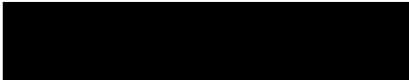
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Project Director



I. Objectives

The Forced Labor Project, as approved by the Project Review Committee at its meeting of 28 October, 1952, is addressed mainly to the task of assembling, evaluating, and presenting available data on certain aspects of the forced labor system in the U.S.S.R. so as to provide an operationally useful reference.

The main categories of information desired by the sponsor were listed as follows:

- (a) Organization of the forced labor system
- (b) Categories of forced labor by type of activity
- (c) Geographic distribution of camps and projects
- (d) Physical description of camps
- (e) Ethnic-linguistic geography of forced labor and professional background of internees
- (f) Living conditions and police methods in the forced labor camps
- (g) Legislation on forced labor
- (h) Detailed accounts of cases of arrest and detention
- (i) Circumstances relating to release from custody and subsequent activities of selected individuals who have been released from forced labor camps

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Somewhat subsidiary objectives of the Project are:
analytically to relate the institution of and the employment of
forced labor to the political and economic trends in the Soviet Union,
and to bring to light specific details and incidents which may be
particularly useful to covert psychological warfare.

A list of additional requirements was transmitted to us
with a memorandum from [REDACTED] dated February 5, 1953.
These requirements were listed under the general heading, "Detailed
information on security forces in forced labor camps and surrounding
country."

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A request was received also that the Project watch on a
continued basis for any information proving the present (postwar) ex-
istence of forced labor in the U.S.S.R.

II. Personnel

A complete list of the members of the Project is appended.
While it is not anticipated that there will be further expansion of
the Project Staff, several additional outside contracts for the
preparation of special papers are in process of negotiation.

III. Budget

As indicated on the attached budget report, there appear to
be adequate funds to complete the Project.

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IV. Organization

Substantive supervision of the project on forced labor is the responsibility of SR Division. Administrative control is the responsibility of RQM/OIS Division.

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[REDACTED] offices for the Project are located in the [REDACTED] Building and are accessible only to cleared personnel. All classified material is stored in [REDACTED] vault. Sub-contract work (translation, writing of papers, library research, etc.) does not involve handling of or reference to classified sources.

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V. Status

During the week of November 17, 1952 the Project Director visited the Agency in Washington and was accorded the benefit of consultation with the individuals directly interested in the subject matter of the Project.

Paramilitary aspects of the Project were discussed with

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Intelligence and psychological warfare requirements were discussed at a meeting with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was present at both conferences. These conferences stressed the importance of arriving at specific, detailed, and

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particularized information, rather than generalized conclusions.

It was the consensus that further conferences will be needed to clarify the nature and the extent of the specific data to be sought in the course of research. Visits to [REDACTED] by the members of the Agency staff concerned were suggested as another means of keeping research efforts as close as possible to operational requirements.

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The collection of desired material has not yet been completed. Nevertheless, detailed examination and posting of data is progressing. A number of German documents in Alexandria have been studied by one member of the team [REDACTED] and those touching upon the subject of forced labor translated.

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document procurement, one with [REDACTED] and one with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on their recent visit

to the [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1

The project is still in its first stage, namely, the process of collection and preliminary evaluation of sources. A fairly extensive bibliography of open sources has been compiled and the procurement

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of unclassified material has progressed satisfactorily.

The classified material, to judge by the documents and papers so far received here or inspected in the Agency files, appears to contain much (scattered) information on the subject, especially on postwar conditions. Much of this material has yet to be assembled. Certain categories of classified sources (selected TS reports, ^{25X1A2g} [REDACTED] reports, etc.) cannot conveniently be sent to ^{25X1A5a1} [REDACTED] library. Tentative arrangements have been made for the examination of these sources in Washington by Project staff members.

VI. Schedule

The schedule was originally established as follows. The Project is somewhat behind inasmuch as some of the potentially most valuable sources are still in the process of collection.

A. Through the month of February. Emphasis was on the collection of source material through the month of February. At the same time the categories for compilation of factual data were further developed, defined, and topically arranged. Some analytic compilation of data and drafting of tentative outlines for the treatment of the major topics were also carried out during this period.

B. March through May. Emphasis is on detailed examination of selected sources. Information is being recorded on cards so

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designed as to allow future coding if necessary. Depending on the nature of the data, cards are being arranged in alphabetical, chronological and topical groups. Topical summaries, tables and exhibits will be prepared in draft form.

C. June through July. Final draft and preparation of report. Subsidiary research analysis and essays of the outside writers are scheduled for completion not later than May 15th.

It is somewhat too early to say definitely, but an extension of time may have to be requested. We hope, however, to complete most of the work in draft form by the end of June.

VII. Comments

25X1A2g A number of studies are already available on the subject -- the most recent, A Red Paper on Forced Labor (U.S. Information Service). It appears, however, that a great deal of raw intelligence data (such as [REDACTED] reports) will have to be sifted for detailed information if the objectives of the Project are even partly to be attained. As a rule, information on forced labor in the majority of recent classified reports is only incidental to some other topic. (Consequently, the assembling of information from such sources is by itself a time-consuming task.)

It will not be possible fully to explore all the collected

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material, let alone all the material which is potentially available. It is expected, however, that at least the major categories of specific data will be covered sufficiently to provide a basic reference.

Should it later be deemed desirable to continue the collection of similar data on a sustaining basis, the present study may perhaps serve as a guide for setting up a cumulative record.

We have requested additional suggestions from the sponsors as to the specific data to be gathered and recorded in a systematic manner, and as to the relative priority of the several categories.

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TAKE-OVER PROJECT

Project Directors
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I. Objectives

The Take-over Project is examining the Russian methods of infiltration, take-over, and sovietization in the satellite countries. The Project report will set out the principles of operation and the patterns of conduct followed by the Communists. It is anticipated that the report will be utilized by the planning sections of the covert offices of the Agency.

II. Personnel

A complete list of the members of the Project is appended. It is planned that one Research Analyst will be added to the project staff (clearance pending) and it is possible that one or two additional consultants will be employed during the summer.

III. Budget

The Project is operating within the approved budget the period July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953. A budget report is attached.

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IV. Organization

25X1A5a1 The Project has two offices in separate buildings for cleared and uncleared personnel respectively. All classified material is kept in [REDACTED] vault. All project internal memoranda and generally circulated papers are unclassified.

V. Status

At the present time the uncleared personnel are preparing papers covering the impact of Communist subversion and take-over in satellite states.

Classified material received from the Agency is being sorted through and catalogued on the same analytic pattern that is being used for the unclassified papers.

VI. Schedule

The period prior to December 23rd was devoted to collection of material and preparation of general chronological outlines for each area.

Present phase which will run until May 20th is devoted to the preparation of topical papers. The corresponding classified work will consist in checking and amplifying these papers where necessary.

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The period from May 20th to June 30th will be devoted to the compilation of unclassified papers into single series of topical essays which will cover the area as a whole. The classified work will follow the same general pattern.

The preparation of the final report will follow from June 30th to September 30th with as much cooperation and participation as obtainable from Agency staffs and divisions.

The Project is progressing on schedule.

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VULNERABILITY STUDIES, LEADERSHIP PROJECT

After the completion of the final Vulnerability Report, the Leadership Project was continued on the assumption (based on the interest expressed in Washington) that it would be continued in an enlarged form for at least another year. The work consisted of maintaining current open and classified files based on continuing research; interviews with new sources; interviews for the purpose of building a list of European sources; the preparation of new subject lists on the basis of last year's findings and the current developments in the USSR; and preliminary consultations in Washington on the definition and requirements of the enlarged project. Corollary to these consultations were discussion with the Army, Air Force, P.S.B., and Department of State. When the decision was made (in Washington) that [REDACTED] would not continue the project (December), [REDACTED] officer in charge of the Leadership Project held final discussions in Washington with [REDACTED] and left with him a written memorandum and current files which, supplemented by our conversations, brought the project up to date so far as [REDACTED] was concerned. Final conference was December 17, 1952. A final memorandum was prepared and sent to [REDACTED] December 19, 1952.

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THE VULNERABILITY OF COMMUNIST CHINA
TO POLITICAL WARFARE

Acting Project Director

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I. Status

This project, having been cleared by the PSB, is now in a planning stage. Existing open and governmental materials are being systematically examined in order to ensure that the research will not overlap existing or planned research by others. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] are supervising the work going forward. It is envisaged that [REDACTED] will serve as a research advisor during the summer months, at least. In addition, certain pieces of background research are already under way:

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1. [REDACTED] has been engaged in research on various aspects of social transformation in Communist China.

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2. [REDACTED] has continued his work on economic development and ideological development in Communist China which was begun at [REDACTED]. In addition he has completed a monograph on current conditions, development, and problems in Manchuria.

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3. [REDACTED] is carrying on a program of research on economic development in China under the Communist regime.

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Finally, [REDACTED] in full consultation with the relevant departments of the government, is at work on the Chinese leadership. Collection and analysis of open and classified documentary sources has been started and requests have been made for all pertinent material available to date. Aside from this and the setting up of personnel files, emphasis has been on obtaining from interested government agencies both informal comment and memoranda on the project. To this end, besides several interviews within the Agency, interviews at some length have been held with the Department of State, Army, Navy, and Air Force. Interviews outside of the government have also been conducted both in connection with possible sources of information and, especially, in inquiries about qualified assistants.

It is envisaged that this project will be completed by about July 1, 1954.

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